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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

H.M. Johnson, *et al.*

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FOR: **INTERFERON-TAU COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE**

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002 indicating that pending claims 55-59, 66-71, 96, and 97 are subject to restriction.

Remarks

I. **Response to Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner restricted the claims into two Groups as follows:

Group I: claims 55-59 and 96 being drawn to a method of inhibiting tumor cell growth; and

Group II: claims 66-71 and 97 drawn to a method of inhibiting viral replication.

Applicants elect **Group II, claims 66-71 and 97**, for examination.